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PATENT

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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION AND QUANTITATIVE  
MEASUREMENT OF NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS

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AMENDMENT E

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action dated September 9, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on December 9, 2005. A Petition for a three-month extension of the response period up to and including March 9, 2006 is hereby requested. Please charge the extension fee of \$1,020.00 to Deposit Account 50-0426. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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